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I'd like to give my opinion of the Microsoft settlement with the government: let the settlement stand and get the other nine states in on the settlement. Haven't we had enough litigation already? Where is the free market? If Microsoft make inferior products, it would have been left behind. If Microsoft's competitors can't keep up, they need to think of other products or more innovations, not run to big government to pull back Microsoft. We certainly do not need Congress to tell people what to buy or what services to use. Why should Microsoft be punished for success??? The marketplace should level the playing field, not politicians who know little of the details of the workings of business. Microsoft is not the Standard Oil of New Jersey; Microsoft grew big and strong on its own without buying and cobbling together its parts. Does the government want to distract Microsoft with lawsuit after lawsuit so it will fall back with products and innovation (like with IBM years ago), thereby leveling the playing field for its competitors? Let the settlement put an end to this unfair hounding of Microsoft, and the marketplace will take care of business. I really like and use my Microsoft programs and other products every day - I don't want my computer life interrupted! Thanks for listening.

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